



# Teton County

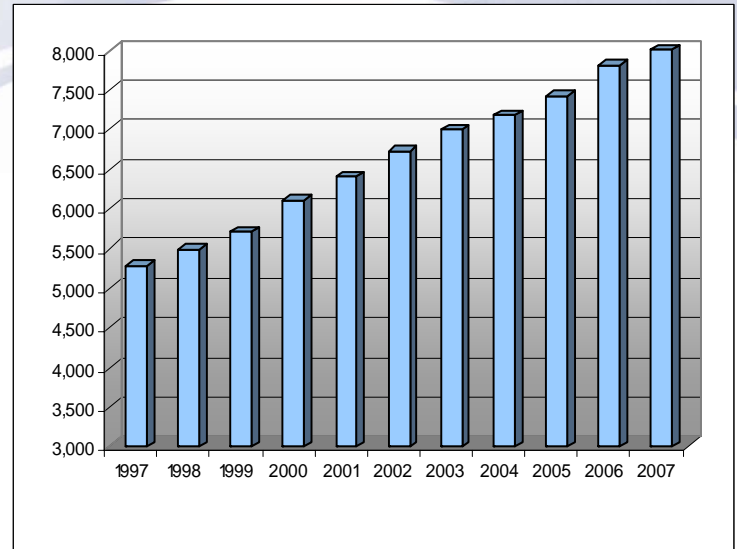
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## Population

Teton County, situated on the state's eastern border with Wyoming, has experienced one of the largest percentage growths in the state since 1996 – 53.2 percent – from just over 5,000 to 7,838. The county is ranked 33<sup>rd</sup> in total state population, but ranked third in the state for percentage growth from 2005 to 2006. The year 2000 boasted the largest growth at 403 people, but the years following have seen increases of 200 to 350.

The county has been a desirable location to many people who own second homes near the popular tourist locations of Jackson Hole and Grand Targhee Ski Resort in Wyoming. Many employers and employees of Wyoming businesses live in Teton County and commute to work. With natural, pristine landscapes and explosive residential construction, increases in population are expected to continue.

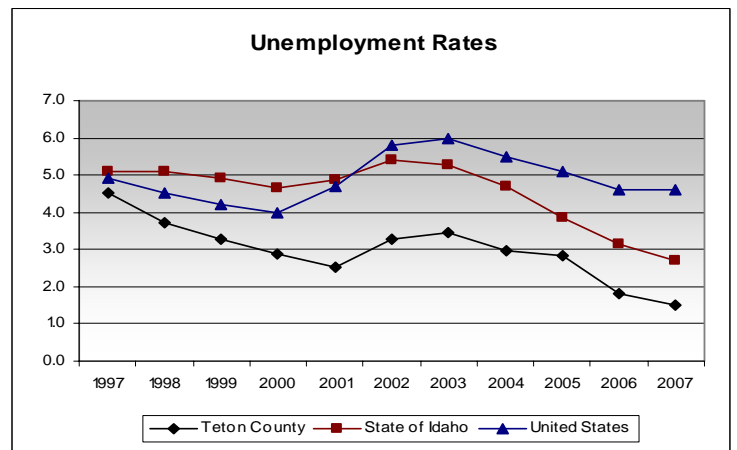
## Work Force Trends



## Labor Force & Employment

Teton County has continually had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state, dipping to its lowest rate in the decade in 2006 at 2.2 percent. In all but two years, the rate has been significantly lower than both the state and national averages. Much of the county's employment is seasonal and depends on tourism, but officials are working toward more year-round employment. The national economic slump affected the county in 2002 and 2003, yet the county still has one of the state's lowest unemployment rates.

As shown on the pie graph on page 2, Teton County has four main industries: trade, leisure and hospitality, construction and government. State and local government jobs along with hospital and school employment, makes government the industry with the most jobs. Trade and leisure and hospitality have high numbers due to the local



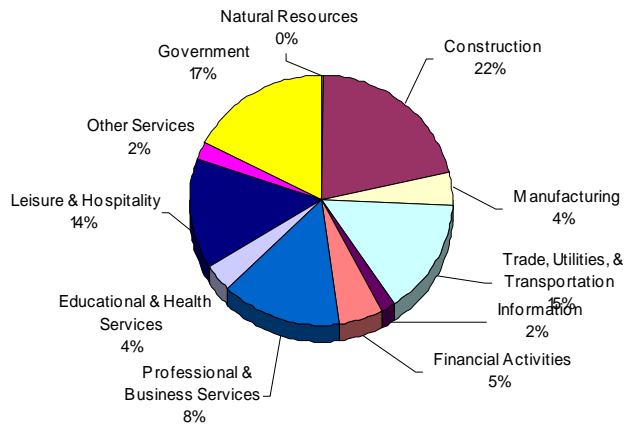
and national tourism market. With population growing so rapidly, residential construction is increasing in the county and is very strong for eight months of the year if the weather permits. Many people commute from neighboring counties in Idaho to work construction in the area.

The county is expected to continue its low unemployment rate, increased population growth and increasing number of nonfarm payroll jobs as it continues to grow, develop and serve its residents and tourists. The pure tranquility and breathtaking beauty of the county encourages growth with little or no marketing.

| Labor Force                 | Sep 2007 | Sep 2008 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Civilian Labor Force        | 4,457    | 4,726    |
| Total Employment            | 4,369    | 4,573    |
| Unemployed                  | 88       | 153      |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 2.0      | 3.2      |
| State of Idaho % Unemployed | 2.7      | 5.0      |
| U.S. % Unemployed           | 4.7      | 6.1      |

| Labor Force                 | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Civilian Labor Force        | 2,768 | 2,926 | 3,094 | 3,664 | 3,837 | 4,016 | 4,167 | 4,235 | 4,480 | 4,702 | 4,911 |
| Unemployment                | 125   | 107   | 103   | 106   | 97    | 132   | 144   | 126   | 128   | 86    | 74    |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 4.5   | 3.7   | 3.3   | 2.9   | 2.5   | 3.3   | 3.5   | 3.0   | 2.8   | 1.8   | 1.5   |
| Employment                  | 2,643 | 2,819 | 2,991 | 3,558 | 3,740 | 3,885 | 4,023 | 4,109 | 4,352 | 4,616 | 4,837 |

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2007



## Covered Employment & Wages

Covered employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Because covered employment and wages are reported in the county a business is located, the numbers are somewhat misrepresentative of Teton County residents. Many residents commute to Wyoming to work in higher-paying jobs, but their wages are not reflected in the statistics. Covered employment shows an increase of 1,628 jobs over the decade while average wages increased \$11,381. Information, financial services and professional and business services are the sectors that showed the largest increase in wages while construction added the most jobs.

## Major Employers (Private)

Bergmeyer Manufacturing Co., Inc.  
Broulim's Supermarket  
Carson Concrete Inc.  
KLB Inc.  
L T Curtis MD PA  
Oroukes Inc.

| Eastern ID Occupational Wages*           | Average Wage |
|--|--------------|
| Agricultural Workers                     | \$8.47       |
| Assemblers & Fabricators                 | \$11.72      |
| Cashiers                                 | \$7.79       |
| Computer Support Specialists             | \$17.99      |
| Customer Service Reps                    | \$9.86       |
| Farmworkers, Farm & Ranch                | \$8.34       |
| Food & Beverage Serving Workers          | \$6.59       |
| Licensed Practical & Vocational Nurses   | \$14.06      |
| Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants | \$9.03       |
| Retail Sales Workers                     | \$9.52       |
| Secretaries & Administrative Assistants  | \$11.79      |
| Woodworkers                              | \$10.70      |

\* Wages include 15 counties of eastern Idaho. Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

| Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1997, 2006, & 2007 | 1997               |               | 2006               |               | 2007               |               |
|--|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
|  | Average Employment | Average Wages | Average Employment | Average Wages | Average Employment | Average Wages |
| <b>Total Covered Wages</b>   | 1,271              | \$16,522      | 2,826              | \$26,803      | 3,475              | \$29,746      |
| <b>Agriculture</b>   | 94                 | \$16,442      | 121                | \$17,622      | 112                | \$21,118      |
| <b>Mining</b>  | *                  | \$0           | *                  | *             | *                  | *             |
| <b>Construction</b>  | 109                | \$18,993      | 617                | \$29,559      | 718                | \$34,861      |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>   | 12                 | \$16,187      | 129                | \$26,238      | 148                | \$25,953      |
| <b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>                            | 261                | \$15,471      | 477                | \$23,671      | 513                | \$25,882      |
| <b>Information</b>   | 31                 | \$13,852      | 51                 | \$35,493      | 57                 | \$37,171      |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>  | 62                 | \$17,707      | 140                | \$36,578      | 169                | \$37,063      |
| <b>Professional and Business Services</b>                                | 57                 | \$20,346      | 290                | \$36,456      | 506                | \$37,657      |
| <b>Educational and Health Services</b>                                   | 46                 | \$20,299      | 132                | \$21,461      | 130                | \$21,289      |
| <b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>   | 192                | \$8,567       | 299                | \$15,003      | 483                | \$19,450      |
| <b>Other Services</b>  | 24                 | \$22,298      | 72                 | \$27,248      | 64                 | \$29,283      |
| <b>Government</b>  | 385                | \$19,176      | 495                | \$27,956      | 569                | \$30,327      |

| Per Capita Income     | 1997     | 1998     | 1999     | 2000     | 2001     | 2002     | 2003     | 2004     | 2005     | 2006     |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Teton County</b>   | \$15,606 | \$16,882 | \$18,099 | \$18,634 | \$20,124 | \$20,316 | \$20,386 | \$23,034 | \$23,937 | \$25,697 |
| <b>State of Idaho</b> | \$20,648 | \$21,789 | \$22,786 | \$24,077 | \$25,024 | \$25,221 | \$25,524 | \$27,361 | \$28,301 | \$29,920 |
| <b>United States</b>  | \$25,334 | \$26,883 | \$27,939 | \$29,843 | \$30,574 | \$30,821 | \$31,504 | \$33,123 | \$34,757 | \$36,714 |

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